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While the playoff run for Jones College football team has officially come to a close, their season isn't done just yet. After making it in all the way to the MACJC Championship, the #5 Bobcats have received an invitation to play in the eleventh annual Mississippi Bowl in Perkinston, Miss. against the #7 Eastern Arizona College Gila Monsters.

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Duck Search!

The JCJC ducks are everywhere! Hidden somewhere in the paper is a photo of a duck. When you find it, take a picture and post it as a reply on our Bobcat Press Facebook post about the search. First one to do so wins a t-shirt!

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Intolerance reigns

Intolerance experienced on both local and national levels

People hold up candles during a vigil by the Toronto Jewish community for victims of the Pittsburgh Synagogue Massacre. According to the FBI, hate crimes have risen in the nation each year for the past three years. SUBMITTED PHOTO

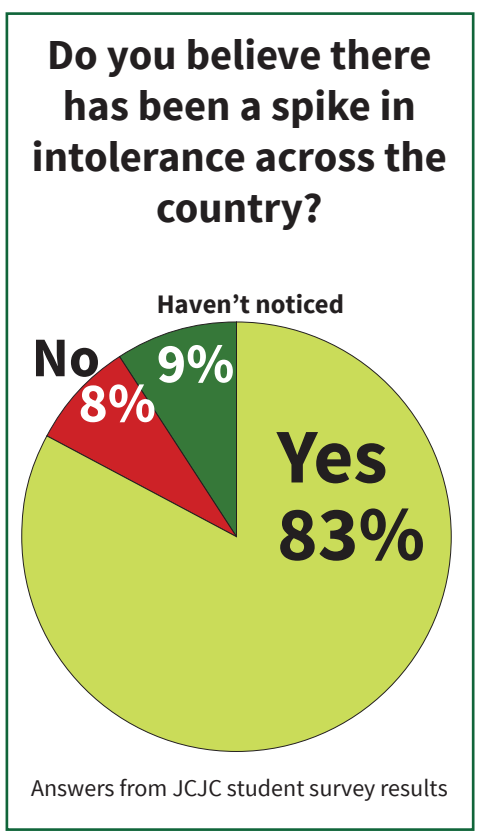
JULIA BERRY
FEATURES EDITOR

It seems examples of intolerance have spiked across America, causing hate crimes related to race, religion, culture and countless other types of intolerance to become a day-to-day occurrence.

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, fell victim to a hate crime on Oct. 27. The suspect, Robert Bowers, killed 11 worshippers at the Tree of Life Synagogue. CNN.com stated that according to a SWAT officer, the gunman said he wanted all Jews to die. After the crime, it was discovered that Bowers would target Jews online through a social media platform named Gab.

Another hate crime occurred just a few days before the synagogue shooting, this one in Jeffersontown, Kentucky. The suspect, Gregory Bush, tried to enter First Baptist Church of Jeffersontown. He was unable to enter the predominantly black church because the doors were locked, so he went to the local Kroger and found victims there. Maurice Stallard and Vickie Jones were both killed at Kroger. The white male suspect also had a history of being mentally disturbed.

Teachers from Middleton Elementary school in Idaho were placed on paid administrative leave on Nov. 3. The staff members were wearing Mexican stereotype Halloween costumes. In pictures, the staff was standing behind a wall that had "Make America Great Again" on it. According to nytimes.com, Idaho is a predominantly white state, and Hispanics are the largest minority group within that state.



Answers from JCJC student survey results

The Washington Post recently reported that the FBI has released data showing hate crimes in America have increased 17 percent from last year, and it's the third consecutive year that it has risen. Whether a national violent crime or a Mississippi voter pictured wearing a t-shirt with a confederate flag and a noose, what should we do about the intolerance that continues to grow in America? Wyatt Moulds, a teacher at Jones, gave his opinion of what he thinks should be done.

"The political atmosphere that has been established since 2016 has appealed to every fear and emotion of the American people. In turn, it causes people to blame others for their inadequacies. There needs to be a bipartisan spirit brought about that all people can embrace," said Moulds.

Results from an anonymous survey of some English classes on campus showed that the majority of students have been victim to racial intolerance more often than any other type. That reflects the national results from the FBI, which revealed more than half of all hate crimes are about race or ethnicity.

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Most Beautiful Pageant winner, Top Five, Top Ten announced

MICHAEL BLANKS
STAFF WRITER

Haley Smith was crowned Most Beautiful at the Jones 2018 Most Beautiful Pageant, held in the Fine Arts Auditorium Nov. 13.

Haley Smith is helped with her Most Beautiful 2018 sash by last year's winner, Kaleigh Schmidt. PHOTO BY LEANN DUNAGIN

While the decision was tough, the judges were able to select the following for the top ten: Smith, Kamrynn McGee, Ryleigh Meadows, Jada King, Harleigh Howell, Mackenzie Jordan; 4th alternate Grace Freeman, 3rd alternate Holly James, 2nd alternate Rylee Gavin and 1st alternate Victoria Strickland.

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Jones hosted a beautiful group of women in its 2018 Most Beautiful Pageant. Sponsored by the JCJC Lair yearbook staff, the pageant boasted amazing personalities and elegant attire, assuredly providing the judges a challenge when choosing winners.

The Most Beautiful Pageant brought many opportunities for women to express themselves and be rewarded for their hard work. Hayley Lott was awarded the Most Photogenic award. Madeleine Lambert won the Miss Congeniality award, which is voted on by the beauty pageant contestants. The audience was given the chance to place votes on their favorite contestant and with many votes, Victoria Strickland received the Audience Choice award. Jada King received an award for Best Essay with her amazing essay that pointed out the lessons young women should take from beauty pageants.

This year the contestants had private interviews with the judges before the pageant began, and when the contestants each made their walk before the audience at the start of the pageant, a video played above them that featured each contestant giving her own introduction.

Jones OnStage and Joe Mauldin provided entertainment for the evening. Dr. Tessa Flowers and Mr. JCJC, Jared Woullard, hosted the event.

Each of the 26 contestants will have her photo featured in the JCJC yearbook, which comes out April 2019.

JC Concert Choir to perform Christmas Concert

MADILYN POOLSON
STAFF WRITER

Every year, Jones' concert choir performs an array of traditional and festive songs. The Jones' Choir Christmas Concert will be held Dec. 2 and 3 at First Baptist Church in Laurel at 6 p.m. on both nights. FBC will also provide a live simulcast to their adjacent chapel in order to widen the audience to those who were unable to get a ticket.

Joel Dunlap, JC Choral director, said this is the busiest time of year for him as well as the choir. Dunlap begins preparing for the Christmas show 10 months in advance.

This year, the audience will be treated to traditional pieces of holiday music, but the choir is incorporating some arrangements that may be new to the crowd. Some of the songs being performed include "Angels from the Realms of Glory," "We Need a Little Christmas," along with a special rendition of "Jingle Bells."

"We have many surprises for the audience while maintaining several aspects that the audience has become accustomed to," said Dunlap.

Due to the choir's success of local performances, many people are eager to witness the Christmas Concert. Tickets are available for people to attend the dress rehearsal on November 30, 2018 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. for those who missed out on official concert tickets.

Dunlap, who has been choral director for five years, said his students learn new arrangements quickly and enjoy the rigor of rehearsals. The Jones' choir is large, with approximately 25 singers per section. Dunlap adds that there is a decent balance of male and female performers.

Eliana Gaddy, sophomore, said being a part of Jones Concert Choir has been her best experience in college so far. "You really get to see first hand how being a part of a group like Jones Concert Choir has such an impact on our community. It truly is something much bigger than any of us as individual singers," said Gaddy.

Choir students practice for the upcoming Christmas Concert. PHOTO BY BAILEY MORRIS

Baptist Student Union plans several holiday happenings for December

ALYSSA PEARCE
NEWS EDITOR

The month of December marks the end of a semester and the beginning of the big holiday season. The Baptist Student Union takes full advantage of the holiday opportunities with many events planned for this month.

BSU President Clay Witt said that there will be several events like "Dress the Children," "Change Wars: Guys Against Girls," a trip to the Creation Museum in Petersburg, Kentucky, and a Christmas dance.

Dress the Children is a charitable event executed by the BSU to help local families during the holidays.

"We adopt two families from one of the local schools and we do Christmas for them. We give them what they need and play games with them that day and have a great time," said Witt.

The Change War is an ongoing fundraiser for the Dress the Children event. It is a battle of the sexes to determine who can raise the most money for the previously mentioned occasion. The winning team also gets the joy of putting a pie in the face of the opposite team. A table is set up in the lobby area of the BSU that has two areas for monetary donations to the team of each person's choosing.

There will also be a three-day trip beginning Dec. 13 to the Creation Museum and Noah's Ark located in Kentucky for $125. The trip is open to anyone who would like to attend.

"The BSU is very mission-minded. We send out missionaries every summer and go to conferences to learn about the opportunities we offer. You get your application filled out and get together your references and you put your three main places that you are interested in going to, and the BSU leadership team interviews the applicants and offers encouragement to work on things that are not the applicants' strengths," said Witt.

Charity and missionary training are not the only things that the BSU offer, however. There will be a Christmas dance this month as well. There will be more information on the criteria and date of the annual dance in the near future.

"If you're interested in the BSU, it is just a fun place to hang out. We've got ping pong, pool, a coffee shop, and you can do homework here. It's just a fun place to hang out and meet new people," said Witt.

Aside from the big events happening this month, there are regular meetings at the BSU. Bible study and worship meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m., noonday lunch is every Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m., guy's bible study Mondays at 5:30 p.m. and girl's bible study Wednesdays at 2 p.m.

Left to right, Haley Workman, sophomore; Sydney Brady, sophomore; Avery Harris, sophomore and Cole Taylor, freshman, pose in front of the Change War Donation table in the BSU lobby. PHOTO BY BAILEY MORRIS

Shaina Culpepper mixes up a healthy concoction while listening to a guest speaker. PHOTO BY LAURYN JEMISON

JC students cook up healthy diet habits

JORDAN BUTLER
STAFF WRITER

Jones College held a new activity for Next Steps in Health for the month of November. The activity took a creative turn while still keeping health goals at its highest priority.

Next Steps in Health is a way for students on campus to become more involved with bettering their health. The initiative focuses on fitness, working out, eating healthy and getting more involved with events on campus.

Director of External Funding Mike Cole oversees the Next Steps in Health initiative along with Crystal Nail, manager of NSIH.

"Next Steps in Health is a grant initiative with Blue Cross Blue Shield that provides our college and a little of the surrounding community with a grant to just get health out there," said Nail.

Next Steps in Health's goal is to add the extra push to encourage students, teachers, faculty members and the surrounding community to get out and get active. Other organizations provide encouragement for becoming a member at the Fitness Center located at the D.O Thomas P.E. Building, but Next Steps in Health also offers prizes as initiative.

For the month of November, Next Steps in Health organized a particularly creative way to get people involved.

"The activity for November is a bingo card that just includes different fitness activities, and it can be picked up in the Fitness Center. The first time you get a bingo, you get a prize from the Fitness Center. The second time you get a bingo, you get $5 in Bobcat Bucks. If you get a black out card, you get a $25 Amazon gift card, and you go into the drawing for a free iPhone," said Nail.

"The iPhone for the drawing is the latest iPhone which costs $1300," said Cole.

Next Steps in Health planned an elaborate event for November, but that was not the only anticipated activity.

"We'll most likely do a

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Jhonna Abuyabor, Maggie Smith, Madalyn Ham, Raineshia Hunt and Jeshaiah Stephens work together during a Next Steps cooking demonstration. PHOTO BY LAURYN JEMISON

New JC Christmas production to partner with Salvation Army's Angel Tree program

Coco Caldwell and Landon Williams, who play Santa's Elves in "Santa's Swingin' Pajama Party," hold gifts. PHOTO BY TERESA MCCREERY, JC MEDIA AND PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR

TERESA MCCREERY
JC MEDIA AND PR DIRECTOR

The Jones College Fine Arts Department is pleased to continue its partnership with the Salvation Army in providing a bit of Christmas cheer for kids in the Pine Belt. The public is invited to begin the holiday season by attending this year's Christmas show, "Santa's Swingin' Pajama Party" on Thursday, November 29, at 7 p.m. in the M.P. Bush Fine Arts Auditorium. This whimsical and very kid-friendly show invites everyone to wear pajamas and listen to Jazz, Swing, Pop and all of your favorite Christmas songs. Admission is one, unwrapped toy for the Salvation Army's Angel Tree program.

"We are excited to work with Bruce Smith who is directing the Christmas Show this year featuring our musical and vocal groups and a few guests from the North Pole!" said Fine Arts Division Chair, Mark Brown. "We want to stress the purpose of our Christmas production is to provide toys for children who normally may not have much of a Christmas. We hope our local angels will be able to give a Santa filled sled full of gifts with a little help from our audience."

Gift suggestions include toys, sports equipment, board games and plush animals. All the donations will be given to children in our area this Christmas. Necessities and Christmas gifts are provided for disadvantaged children from infants to age 12, through the Salvation Army Angel Tree Program in Jones, Jasper, Wayne, Clarke, Smith and Simpson

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Editorial

Intolerance does nothing for the USA

It seems as if there is always something on Facebook or the news about someone doing something to hurt another human being. Whether through word of mouth, online posts or through violent action, these instances of intolerance do nothing to further the goals and work of The United States of America. Instead, they set the country further back.

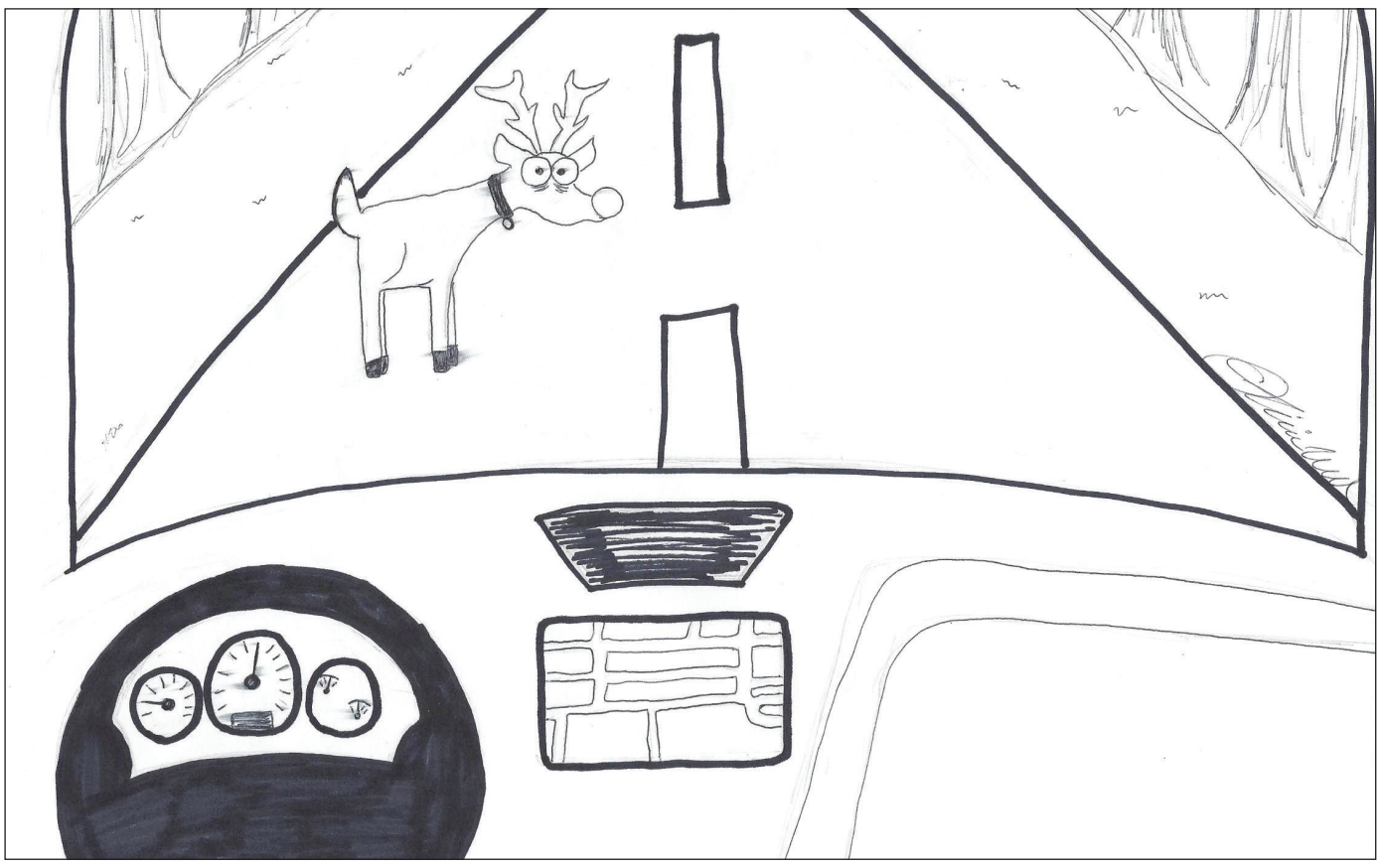
Shortly after the foundation of the United States, "E Pluribus Unum" was adopted as a motto, and it can be seen on the Great Seal of the United States. According to Merriam Webster, that phrase means, "out of many, one." For many Americans, it means out of many states there is one country, and for others it means, out of many religions, races, cultures, etc. there is one nation.

Today, that motto seems to have been forgotten by some because there is an abundance of hate and intolerance among Americans. People will attack others for simply being a different race, religion or political affiliation. It seems that a new instance of these hate-filled attacks are being broadcasted daily.

In 2018, hate should have no place in America. This country was founded on the morals of being a nation where anyone could come to achieve the "American dream." Instead America has become a country where attacks of culture, color and character run rampant.

In response to tragedy and intolerance, Mr. Fred Rogers once said, "There are people in the world who are so sick or so angry that they sometimes hurt other people. And they're usually the ones that end up in the news. The people who are doing these terrible things are making a lot of other people sad and angry, but when we get sad and angry, you and I, we know what to do with our feelings, so we don't have to hurt other people."

The United States should take a page out of Mr. Rogers' book and ask someone to be our neighbor instead of hating them. Whether a fellow American may be different from you in religion, race, nationality, etc., realize that we're all human beings. Out of many, we are one nation. There is no place for hate in this country. Instead of allowing the hate to grow, reach out and appreciate those people that are different.



Tis the season for holiday road safety

Hannah Morgan
STAFF WRITER

With all of the upcoming holidays, being able to safely navigate through traffic is essential, especially when under the influence, stuck in a snow storm or on a cellphone.

Driving while under the influence of alcohol is one of the largest causes of all road accidents across the U.S. During the holiday months, the number of wrecks caused by drunk drivers skyrockets according to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. If you plan on drinking, make sure to have a plan before you go. Make sure someone is able to drive you safely back to the destination. Choosing to get behind the wheel while drunk could cost you the life of someone else, and your freedom.

Everyone is guilty of glancing at our phones while driving, but in intense road conditions that text to mom can wait. Paying 100 percent attention to the road while driving can be the difference in causing an accident and making it to the holiday work party on time. Glancing off the road for five seconds to look at a twitter notification could potentially cause a wreck. According to TeenSafe, out of all types of holiday crashes, 25 percent of accidents are caused by distracted drivers.

Even if the driver of the car doesn't drive recklessly, be prepared for other drivers that will be. According to safety driving expert Doug Horn, the roads will be filled with people on their phones, drinking and driving, and pressured drivers. Emergencies will occur more frequently, and emergency vehicles will pass by at full speeds. If sirens are heard close or in the distance, make sure to pull over until the emergency vehicle passes by.

If traveling out of town for the holidays, plan ahead. Having an idea of places to rest and stop for breaks or work calls can help arrive to the destination safely. Pay close attention to speed

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Do breaks from school help or hurt students?

Jordan Butler
STAFF WRITER

Students are almost always waiting on the next holiday or scheduled day off from school so that they may receive a break from the stresses and tasks of school. But do these breaks actually hurt students instead of helping them?

The answer: yes and no. The reasoning: depends on which area the public focuses on.

Breaks from school allow children and teenagers a reprieve mentally. Mental health benefits exponentially from some time away from school, especially on those students highly involved in school.

Time away from school also means time away from stress, work and responsibilities. While all of this is part of everyday life, everyone needs relief from the mental strain that comes with schoolwork, studying and extracurricular activities.

In today's society, it is not uncommon to see the effects of school weighing heavily on students both physically and mentally. Not only do students appear exhausted, mental capacity is also drained. Their ability to comprehend and retain information is lowered when a certain amount of stress is exhibited, so a break from all this work is always welcome. However, what happens when the information learned prior to a break isn't being studied for up to a week or two at a time?

This is where breaks hurt students: students typically forget what they have been taught before a prolonged break.

More often than not, after Thanksgiving or Christmas break, students' recollection of information is foggy, and they sometimes have to be

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Leaders should choose words carefully

Baylee Walter
OPINIONS EDITOR

On Nov. 11, a video of Republican candidate Cindy Hyde-Smith went viral. The video captured Hyde-Smith saying, "If he invited me to a public hanging, I'd be in the front row." This controversial video has caused national outrage with many taking back their support for her.

According to the NAACP, "Mississippi has a difficult racial history that includes 581 lynchings from 1882 to 1968, the most of any state in that period." This horrific history makes comments like those of Hyde-Smith more embarrassing for the state. No one should say things like that, but candidates especially shouldn't.

It is the job of an election candidate to make themselves seem like the best option. When it comes down to runoffs, these candidates need to make themselves look as good as possible to secure the seat. It is also the job of the candidates to represent their constituents. In the case of Cindy Hyde-Smith, she only made herself look like a racist and not a representative of the state.

Despite what some northerners have thought, saying one will be going to a public hanging is not a southern colloquialism. Making such a statement is looked down upon due to the dark history of the state. For a candidate to say it, it only makes the state look worse. One only needs to look at comments on national social media to see how the nation views Mississippi due to this recent statement.

Mississippi is looked down upon due to the stereotypes placed upon the citizens, and Cindy

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The Left

Concealed Carry- Opposing Viewpoints

The Right

Democrat

by Baylee **Walter**

According to GunsToCarry, there are over 16.3 million active concealed carry permits in the United States. These active permits allow individuals to carry hidden firearms on their person. While these permits are completely legal, they are not making the public safer by allowing people to have these firearms. They could be making the public more dangerous.

The National Bureau of Economic Research published a paper in 2012 stating that, "States that passed 'shall-issue' laws between 1988 and 2010 had a 2 percent or more increase in the murder rate and at least 9 percent increases in rates of rape, aggravated assault, robbery, auto theft, burglary and larceny." Instead of these statistics showing a positive effect of concealed carry laws, they show the opposite.

Carrying concealed weapons can allow people in verbal altercations to escalate those to lethal ones. The Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence said, "members of the public who carry guns risk escalating everyday disagreements into public

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Republican

by Alyssa **Pearce**

Concealed carrying is the act of carrying a weapon, usually a handgun, in a concealed manner. According to US Legal, doing so is illegal to all except law enforcement officers and those who have a permit.

As of 2016, 42 states require a permit to carry a concealed weapon according to American Concealed. The remaining states that do not require a CCW permit are Alaska, Arizona, Idaho, Kansas, Maine, Vermont, West Virginia and Wyoming. American Concealed further says that the states that issue CCW permits may follow "may issue" or "shall issue" laws.

"May Issue" states have the right to deny a person the permittance to carry a firearm due to questionability of character, and "Shall Issue" states require most permit applications to be accepted. American Concealed further said that Mississippi, a "Shall Issue" state, allows concealed carrying of a loaded handgun without a permit if the firearm is located in a completely enclosed space such as a satchel or purse.

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Thumbs Up

Thumbs up for The Gene Haas Foundation Grant. This $10,000 grant provided five Jones students with the money needed to finish school.

Thumbs Down

Thumbs down for the California wildfires. Hundreds of families were forced to evacuate their homes due to this devastating natural disaster.

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Ginny Hosey's academic plans are put on hold

Ginny Hosey looks at her email about her major change she received from USM. She had to make last minute changes regarding her major once receiving the news. Photo by Bailey Morris

Da'vondra Lynch
Staff Writer

Imagine planning to do something your whole life and then suddenly finding out that you cannot do what you had planned.

That recently happened to a student at Jones when she received the news that her major, International Studies, is no longer a major at the University of Southern Mississippi. Ginny Hosey, a sophomore at Jones who was planning to transfer to USM, sent an email inquiring about her major, when one of the advisors of International Studies responded and said that her major was no longer going to be offered. The major will be canceled in the spring of 2019.

"I was really stressed about it when I initially found out about it, because I obviously have to find something else," Hosey said. "USM is the only public university in the state that offered my major and I do not have plans of attending a different school.

"I have had my mind set on USM for a long time and I have good scholarships there," said Hosey.

Hosey must now find another major that will count the classes she has already taken.

"I think I'm going to go into Anthropology, I would advise anyone going into International Studies to choose something similar," Hosey said. "Anthropology has a lot of the same courses and jobs as International Studies."

Hosey was shocked to learn that not only was her major being canceled, but others were being canceled as well.

"I am not sure of (the) other majors being canceled, you would have to contact USM," she said. "I think USM should put that out there. I think they should send out a mass email or something letting students know."

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Chanel ChaNOT worth it

FASHION PHASE

by Michael **Blanks**

When speaking on high class fashion, we normally think about rich celebrities and the attire they sport to special events or just for casual wear. They tend to wear high-priced brands such as Louis Vuitton, Chanel or Gucci, allowing for us to immediately make the connection between luxury fashion to affluence. A question that needs to be answered is simply put: do we buy these brands because of their actual worth or simply because of the name associated with them?

While there are brands that cover a broad price bracket, the higher-priced lines are typically only purchased by those who have the money to do so and not your average college student. While the common person tends to wonder why brands like Louis Vuitton or Gucci cost so much, they generally do not have any interest in buying a purse that costs as much as their tuition. These brands promise that they are made of high-end materials, but so are a few lower end brands that people mainly buy from.

Regardless of the extreme prices, people still continue to save up and buy these expensive products because of the things that are immediately associated with them. When a person sees the special designs of Chanel or Calvin Klein, they instantly think of class, wealth and superiority, which is one of the biggest reasons people continue to purchase them. Customers want to feel these things about themselves.

Some of these brands seem to be worth the expenses while others are generally only purchased when on sale. These brands make their money in that the few people who do buy their brands spend a large amount of money

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Carley Broom holds Versaci perfume. Photo by Bailey Morris

Christmas break brings joy to students

Bailey Morris
Bobcat Press Editor

From the cool crisp weather to Jack Frost nipping at noses, students look forward to that one holiday that spreads joy and cheer. Christmas is a holiday that all students can enjoy decorating, spending time with faithful friends and family, continuing family traditions and giving to others.

"I enjoy Christmas because it's the time of the year that gives you a warm fuzzy feeling inside, and you get to spend time with your family," said JC freshman Allie Jackson.

As Christmas slowly arrives, students crave the Christmas meals. Throughout campus, students have their own traditional Christmas meals like ham, steak, potatoes and eggnog. Also, students enjoy these traditional meals because they will have leftovers to enjoy.

Lexi Floyd poses next to Christmas Trees. Photo by Bailey Morris

"My traditional Christmas meal consists of turkey, ham, dressing, mac and cheese, sweet potato pie and potato salad," said freshman Miracle Smith.

Students will have a few weeks off from a stressful school schedule. During their time off, there are quite a few fun activities that students can enjoy with family and friends. A fun activity to do with family and friends is to decorate the Christmas tree and home. Also, one can make decorations to hang on the Christmas tree. In addition, students can host a festive Christmas party with fun games such as dirty Santa, white elephant or the burkey.

"My favorite game to do with my family is the saran wrap ball game," said freshman Aveen Lee.

With Christmas around the corner, students tend to be excited for those family traditions. There are many students at Jones College who have family traditions such as driving around looking at local light displays or drinking hot chocolate around a fire. Also, some have traditions of caroling with a group of family and friends or with a church group. Students with younger siblings are familiar with the tradition of the elf on the shelf, setting out oatmeal for the reindeer and having

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Junction Nutrition takes Jones students by storm

Michael Blanks
Staffwriter

Junction Nutrition has been taking Jones County by storm with a unique take on tea and shakes. With an expansive menu of food replacement shakes and custom teas, customers are tempted to try something new every day.

Junction Nutrition is owned by Marcus and Ashley Moore. One of their main goals is to offer fun, healthy options for the community. The employees that help out always have genuine smiles and enjoy serving these healthy beverages to their customers. So far, all of their items have been selling fantastically, with a few stand out choices being their 'Bahama Mama' tea and the 'Butterfinger' shake.

"Life is a lot better with toppings!" owner Ashley Moore said.

These tasty refreshments come with many benefits to health as well. Their teas dubbed 'Loaded Teas' have special attributes that help with mental focus and stress relief, which are great for people hard at work and for students in school. On the other hand, the meal replacements shakes help reduce cravings and provide a healthy amount of nutrients, especially protein.

Junction Nutrition is located right across the train tracks from the Jones College campus, making it a very convenient stop for any student interested.

With many customers raving about their favorite teas and shakes, Junction Nutrition is definitely going to be an addition to Ellisville that consumers will not want to miss.

Sophomore Audrey Arguello holds her shake from Junction Nutrition. Photo by Meghan Fuller

Haley Smith is crowned Jones College's 2018 Most Beautiful in Pageant

Above Haley Smith is shown on the night of winning most beautiful. Photo by Leann Dunagin.

Madilyn Poolson
Staffwriter

Haley Smith, sophomore, recently won the title of Most Beautiful in the annual beauty pageant held at Jones College. The Ellisville native has competed in pageants since she was very young.

She works in child care and enjoys spending time with her friends and family. Her favorite pastime is shopping.

"I am really grateful and honored to receive the title," said Smith.

Smith is also a member of Bobcat Brigade, a member of SGA, a part of the Presidential Advisory Board, and she won Homecoming queen for Jones College 2018.

She says her greatest accomplishments this year was being named Miss Hospitality of Ellisville..

Smith said she enjoys the glitz and glamor of pageants but also appreciates the skills she learns.

Haley Smith poses with her crown. Photo by Bailey Morris

"Pageants help me out a lot by learning to be confident in front of people and learning interview skills and leadership skills in it, as well," said Smith.

Smith plans to graduate Jones College and is especially happy she chose Jones as her first two years of education. She is appreciative of the instructors and staff.

"The support and hospitality that they show is amazing. The fact they want to see you succeed and are willing to help you succeed is what I love the most," said Smith.

Binge-worthy Netflix shows popular among Jones crowd

AIDEN RAYNER
STAFFWRITER

A good conversation starter between college students are their favorite shows. "Brooklyn Nine-Nine," "Grey's Anatomy" and "Chilling Adventures of Sabrina" are a few shows on the screens of college students today.

NBC's cop sitcom, "Brooklyn Nine-Nine," first aired in 2013. After five seasons, Fox canceled the show in May 2018, but it was revived the following day by NBC due to how the massive-heartbroken fan base reacted.

The Nine-Nine does not just rid the streets of criminals. The multiple bets, competitions, pranks, Halloween heists and personal lives of the characters are what keep the audience captivated.

"'Brooklyn Nine-Nine' is a great cop comedy. I like the show because of the characters. They are diverse but love and support each other. It's a show to make your heart smile," said freshman Savanah Smith.

From wearing silly costumes on patrol to having pie contests, the Nine-Nine are always up to something hilarious. "Brooklyn Nine-Nine" seasons one through five are currently on Hulu, but the Nine-Nine will be returning in early 2019 with their sixth season.

"Grey's Anatomy" is a popular medical drama series that is appealing to more than just nursing students. The show focuses on the lives of Meredith Grey, portrayed by Ellen Pompeo, and her colleagues at Seattle Grace Mercy West Hospital.

Producer Shonda Rhimes keeps viewers on edge by making nearly every medical case a life or death situation. The drama in the show not only comes from the intense medical situations, but also the highs and lows of the personal lives of the young doctors.

"'Grey's Anatomy' is the only drama I need in my life," said super-sophomore Kelsey Clark.

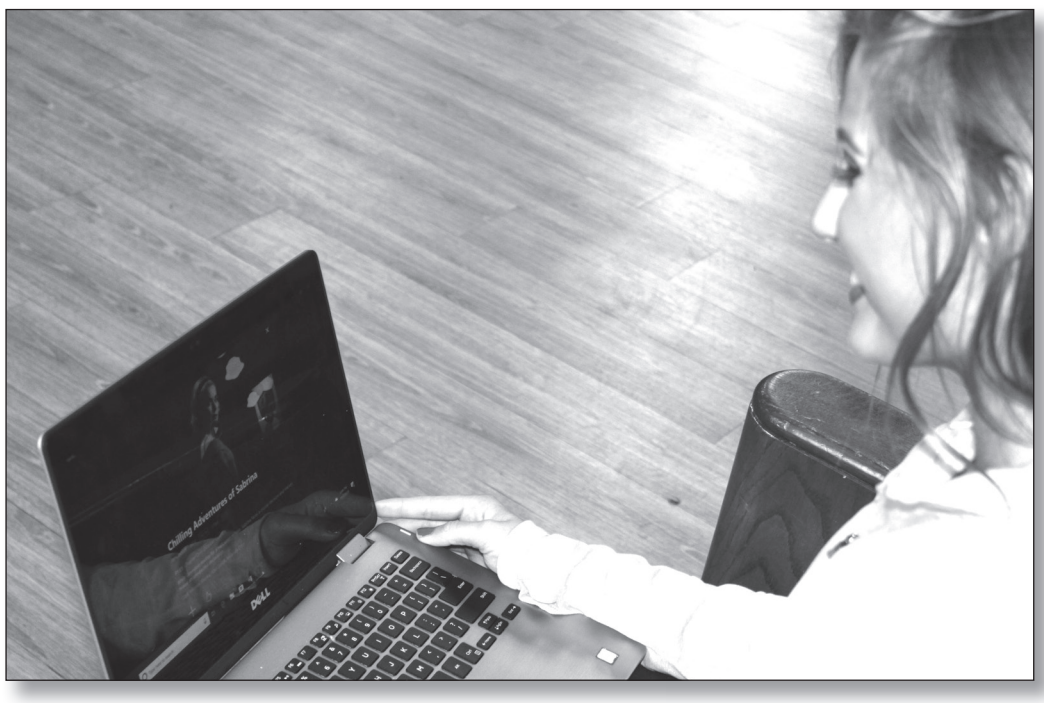
Since Season 15 of "Grey's Anatomy" premiered on Sept. 27, many college students are doing all their assignments on Thursday by 7 p.m. so they can watch the weekly dose of drama.

"Chilling Adventures of Sabrina" was added to Netflix's library on Oct. 26. This series is a grim reimagining of "Sabrina the Teenage Witch."

Although fans of the original show are upset about the absence of wisecracks from Salem, the cat, "Chilling Adventures of Sabrina" would not be as chilling with comedic relief.

Sabrina Spellman, portrayed by Kiernan Shipka, is half human, half witch, and on her sixteenth birthday she has to choose between the two worlds. Aside from handling her witch abilities, she also has to protect her family and friends from evil forces, which is a lot of pressure for a nearly sixteen-year-old.

"I really like the new Sabrina because it is a really different take on the original. The demonic take is cooler than the old comedy. It's an adaptation of the Archie comic so the show takes place in the same universe as Riverdale, which is also cool," said freshman Micheal Brown.



Jones sophomore Courtney Cochran adds "Chilling Adventures of Sabrina" to her watchlist on Netflix. PHOTO BY MEGHAN FULLER

Drake's Scorpion features pop, hip-hop, R&B

MUSIC MATTERS
by Eric Sheppard

Drake has released "Scorpion," a two-sided album that is considered his best work. The album has had great success, selling 732,000 units, which marks it the third highest sale in 2018.

The album features a wide variety of artists like Future, Young Thug, Ty Dolla Sign, Party Next Door, Static Major and even vocals from the late great Michael Jackson. The album proves that Drake is still a contender for making good music in the 21st century

"Scorpion" is a different side of Drake's music. Side A of the album is primarily hip-hop. The signature beats he raps are what music critics call "Trap Drake." Music production of the album was curated by Tay Keith, CardoGotWingz, Boi-1da, Party Next Door and Noah "40" Shebib. The album's hit singles include "Nonstop," "Elevate," and "I'm Upset." "Scorpion" included dark, grimey beats that would turn heads in the hip-hop and trap community. Fans of the artist think that "Trap Drake" is building a new platform for his artistry because fans favor when an artist switches up music styles.

Side B of "Scorpion" contains songs that are more in the pop and R+B demographic. The hit singles for Side B are "Nice for What," "God's Plan," "In My Feelings" and "Don't Matter To Me." Side B gave an emotional response to all the drama surrounding him having a child out of wedlock, rumors of him neglecting his child and the beef between rapper Pusha T and himself. The artist

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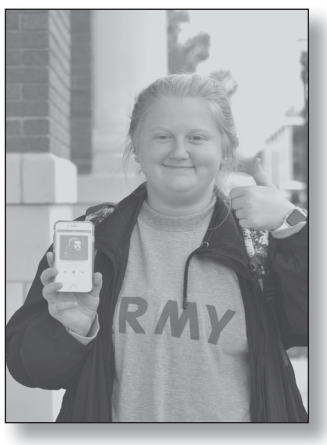

Jones sophomore Mckay Eaton gives Drake's album a thumbs up. PHOTO BY MEGHAN FULLER

December Events

- Southern MS Lady Golden Eagles Women's Basketball hosts MS State Bulldogs -Dec. 14
- Zoo Lights & Holiday Market- Dec. 14-23
- Christmas Parade Downtown Hattiesburg-Dec. 7
- "Elf JR" the musical - Dec. 9 @ Hattiesburg Saenger Theater 2:00-3:30
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes Christmas Themed Party- Dec. 5 @ Jones College
- Martin Lawrence at MS Colliseum- Dec. 8
- Annual Gulfport Harbor Lights Winter Festival-ends Dec. 30
- Canton Christmas Lights Tour- Dec. 8
- Breakfast with Santa - Dec. 8 @ Vickburg Convention Center

Downtown Laurel Holiday Events

- Sertoma Christmas Parade
- Christmas Tree Lighting

Disney to release new 'Pirates of the Caribbean'

MOVIE MANIA
by Davis Hicks

Based off the classic Walt Disney Theme Park ride of the same name, Disney's blockbuster franchise, "Pirates of the Caribbean," is scheduled for an entire reboot.

While many will be coming to the swashbuckling series, Jerry Bruckheimer will be slated to continue as producer of the series as he was for the past five films.

The reboot will be scripted by the writing team of Rhett Reese and Paul Wernick. Reese and Wernick are the duo responsible for the blockbuster "Deadpool" movies, and they are also the writers for 2009's "Zombieland" and the upcoming sequel for the apocalyptic zombie comedy.

The reboot is a bold choice for the House of Mouse, who has been criticized for the decisions they have made when it comes to their other well-known franchises. "Star Wars" for example has been under heavy fire of recent for the creative choices both Disney and Disney-owned Lucasfilm have made with the franchise. With "Star Wars Episode IX" being called "course correction" for the intergalactic saga, why would Disney decide to fix one well-known franchise only to reboot another?

"The Pirates of the Caribbean" franchise is a big deal. The first three movies alone made over $2 billion in the worldwide box office. The fourth installment of the series, "Pirates of the Caribbean: On Strangers Tides," holds the title for most expensive movie ever made. The series has a total of 11 Academy Award nominations with one win, but in total the series has over 253 different nominations from a wide range of awards. However, does all these titles and accomplishments save the franchise from fan fatigue?

Fan fatigue is an issue most franchises eventually run into. The issue arises when fans simply feel like they have had enough of a certain franchise. The last film in the "Pirates" franchise, "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales," is not only the second lowest grossing film in the series, but also holds the lowest Rotten Tomatoes score of the series with a solid 29 percent, and that movie came out in 2017. It has only been a year and Disney already has plans to completely reboot the series. Reports have claimed that the reboot is Disney's safety net to save fans from fatigue of both "Star Wars" and "Marvel" movies. However, is this really a good idea when fans seem to already have had enough of "Pirates of the Caribbean"?

One driving force for the franchise has always been Johnny Depp's portrayal of the infamous Captain Jack Sparrow, but it seems that this time around the House of Mouse plans to send Depp to Davy Jones' Locker and replace Sparrow completely with

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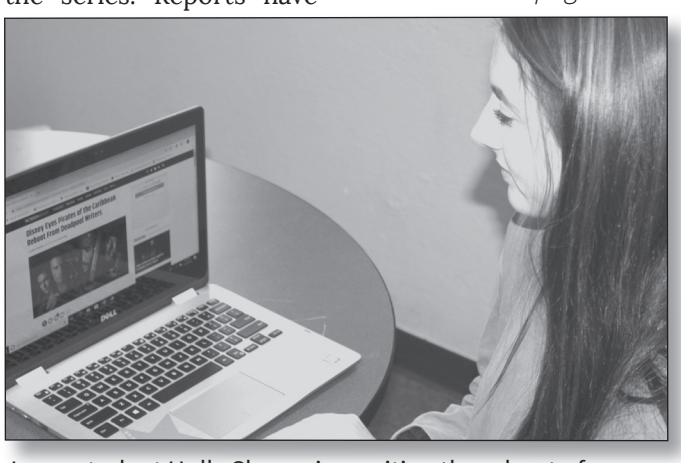

Jones student Holly Skaggs is awaiting the reboot of "Pirates of the Caribbean." PHOTO BY BAILEY MORRIS

Battling through the Black Ops series

GAME GURU
by Harrison Walley

The trend of adding a battle royale mode to video games seems to still be going strong, as the newest entry in the "Call of Duty" series, "Black Ops 4" does just that, as well as a number of new additions that help to separate it from earlier entries in the series. From the lack of a single-player campaign to a new royale "Blackout" mode that will allow players to play as a number of characters from both this game and earlier entries in the "Black Ops series," as well as the newest installments in the ongoing Zombies storyline, this game sets itself apart, making it a memorable entry in the series for a multitude of reasons.

To start, the arguable "elephant in the room" is the game's lack of a single-player story mode. While there are solo missions that give some insight into the backstories of the "Specialists," the multiplayer mode's characters, there is no campaign in the traditional sense. Treyarch, the game's developer, cited a decrease in the amount of time spent by players on the games' campaigns, as well as an increased interest in the multiplayer side of the game, as one of the main reasons for this decision. They also noted that much of "Black Ops III's" player-base partook in the multiplayer without finishing the single-player campaign. For those fearing that this absence of a story mode will become a staple of the series, a representative from Activision has already declared that this trend will not be a permanent one for the series.

Black ops video game is available at local game stores. PHOTO BY BAILEY MORRIS

Secondly, the much-loved Zombies mode has returned, bringing in new and old characters in three maps that come with the base game, with a fourth being included with any of the game's three special editions. Ranging from the RMS Titanic to an ancient gladiatorial arena and from Alcatraz Federal Penitentiary to the halls of the Pentagon, the maps that players can explore and discover hidden secrets in are already numerous, with more to be released over the course of 2019.

Obviously, the largest portion of the developers' attention went towards the multiplayer side of

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JC football heads to MS Bowl

Dylan Jones
STAFF WRITER

While the playoff run for Jones College football team has officially come to a close, their season isn't done just yet. After making it in all the way to the MACJC Championship, the #5 Bobcats have received an invitation to play in the eleventh annual Mississippi Bowl in Perkinston, Miss. against the #7 Eastern Arizona College Gila Monsters. Both teams are entering the game with a 9-2 record, and they are also coming off of conference championship games.

While the Bobcats seemed to be on top of the world after clinching the division championship, everything came crumbling down in the MACJC Championship against the #1 East Mississippi Community College Lions. While the Bobcats were able to stay in the running for the majority of the game, a whopping six turnovers would ultimately result in their downfall, losing them the game 19-14. Freshman running back Kalyn Grandberry, who finished the season as one of the nation's top runners, would be contained to 62 rushing yards with no touchdowns on 17 carries. Freshman quarterback Stetson Bennett would throw for 215 yards, a touchdown, and three interceptions while going 17-31 on his pass attempts.

As for Eastern Arizona, they have the momentum coming into this game after upsetting the top-ranked Snow College (Utah) Badgers in the Western States Football League (WSFL) Championship by a score of 24-17. The Gila Monsters would run all over the competition, as sophomore running back Wilbur Cooper would earn 226 rushing yards and

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JC freshman Stetson Bennett keeps the ball from East Mississippi Community College opponents during the MACJC championship game. Photo by Lauryn Jemison

Jones College Sports Records

The Radionian staff will be keeping track of this month's scores. In December, we will show football, soccer and tennis.

FOOTBALL

Pearl River	48-7	East Central	45-20
NorthEast	40-27	Northwest	36-34
Co-Lin	28-23	East MS	14-19

SOCCER

	Men	Women
SouthWest	2-1	-
Gulf Coast	-	6-1
LSU Eunice	4-4	8-1
Tyler	L 3-0	L 3-1

BASKETBALL

	Men	Women
Capitol City Prep	W 115-82	-
South LA Prep	W 114-69	-
Holmes	L 64-56	W 74-52
LA Christian Prep	W 111-65	-
Bossier Parish	-	W 98-60

Jones basketball season starts

Olivia Ward
SPORTS EDITOR

Jones College men and women's basketball teams have officially taken off this fall. They started their season on Nov. 1 and have continued to show off their skills on the court.

Last month men started by playing Louisiana Prep. Jones led 30-18 midway through the first half and 41-31 with five minutes still in the game.

During their Holmes game, the Lady Bobcats defeat Holmes with 17-13 led after the first quarter and ended 57-41.

After both games JC feels fully prepared for the rest of the season.

JC women's freshman LaMiracle Sims said, "I am very excited and anxious about all of the great things that the Jones women's basketball program is going to pursue and accomplish this season! We are all very high motor, competitive, aggressive and do-or-die players! I wouldn't choose any other team to go to war with this season! It's winnersville!"

There will only be three returning sophomores and the rest are transfers and freshmen. The returners are Breonca Duckworth, Maya Jones and Kyia Weathersby.

Transfers include Keyara Jones, Tamirra Haskin and Vilma Covane.

The new guards will be Lekera Hughes, Chyna Allen, Ty Hawkins, Jatyjia Jones, Kacey Bradford, DaMia Henry, LaMiracle Sims and Endia Holliday.

For the men, returners include Michael Williams, Winceton Edwards, David McCoy and David Gaines Jr.

Sophomore transfers include Galen Alexander, Tirus Smith, Jeffery Lewis and Larry Griffin.

New incoming freshmen will be Kenneth Rogers, Shardarrion Allen, Sayveon Bumpers, Brandon Jones, Ladarious Anderson and Zachariah Malone.

Both the JC men and women's teams plan to continue their season until February. Playoffs later on

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Jones College freshman Shardarrison Allen tripples down the courts agasint LA Prep school. Photo by Catie Hunter

Expand the college football playoffs

Dylan Jones
SPORTS WRITER

Since 2014, the NCAA College Football champion has been crowned through a tournament of the four top-ranked teams in the nation. This has resulted in some of the most thrilling games in NCAA history, such as last year's semifinal game between the #2 Oklahoma Sooners and the #3 Georgia Bulldogs which would end after entering double overtime. However, the system has clearly been proven to be flawed, as there has been much controversy over the years over which teams should own a spot in the playoffs.

Washington State head coach Mike Leach put things into perspective, when he said, "Everybody from rec league softball on down can figure out how to put together a tournament and yet Division I can't."

With that being said, what exactly is the best fix for the playoffs? Well, to start off, there are five conferences in Division I which are considered the Power Five, with each conference having a champion at the end of each season. This can seem rather pointless at times, as last year's champion, the #4 Alabama Crimson Tide, did not even compete in their conference championship. In order to give conference championships a purpose, the playoffs should be expanded to at least eight teams. Each of the Power Five champions should hold the top five seeds.

As for the other three spots, they should be given to any other possible team to which the College Football Playoff selection committee seems fit. This could include teams such as last year's champion Alabama team or even the undefeated #12 University of Central Florida Golden Knights, who were left out of consideration due to not being a part of one of the Power Five conferences. To further complicate things, Central Florida would end their season by defeating the #7 Auburn Tigers, who in turn defeated Alabama. Of course, the transitive property doesn't necessarily tend to work as well in the world of sports as it does in algebra, but who's to say the Golden Knights didn't at least deserve a shot?

While it would be great to imagine a scenario where teams such as the Golden Knights can easily work out their problems by playing Alabama in a big cornfield somewhere in order to determine who's the top dog once and for all, that unfortunately isn't an option. However, expanding the playoffs is the next best thing, and the NCAA can easily silence several future arguments and boost the overall morale of college fans by expanding the playoffs.

Winter intramural sports begin

Hannah Chaffee
SPORTS WRITER

Jones College has many fun and exciting events on campus that will get students out of their beds and more involved with what is going on around campus, including intramural sports.

Intramural sports are one of the many events that JC students love to participate in. Intramural sports are recreational sports on campus that any student can participate in. Jones men's and women's tennis coach, Brooks Buffington, is over this organization.

Every semester, Buffington sets up five to six intramural sports for every and any student to attend and play. At certain times of the semester, there are weekly league games that consist of flag football and soccer. There are also one day tournaments for beach volleyball and table tennis. All intramurals can be accessed online at imleagues.com, or using the imleagues app with JC email.

"Intramural sports are the best. They allow students to stay active while having fun with their friends. (I) would surely recommend it," said sophomore Otoniel Durán.

Coach Buffington said he believes that intramural sports are helpful for students.

"It's a good opportunity for students to build sociable, competitive relationships, give them a break from their studies, and engage in physical activity," said Buffington. Soccer is being closed out but there will be another game taking place, which

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JC students play intramural volleyball by Smith Hall. Photo by Lauryn Bohn

The Pick Six

This month our very own Radionian staff will be predicting games from NFL week 14-17 and local universities. The predictors will be Olivia Ward, Baylee Walter, Hannah Chaffee, Dylan Jones, Hannah Morgan and Eric Sheppard.

DECEMBER PREDICTIONS

	Olivia Ward	Baylee Walter	Hannah Chaffee	Dylan Jones	Hannah Morgan	Eric Sheppard
Bears vs Giants	Giants	Gaints	Giants	Bears	Giants	Bears
Colts vs Jaguars	Colts	Colts	Colts	Colts	Colts	Jaguars
Saints vs Buccaneers	Saints	Saints	Saints	Saints	Saints	Saints
Falcons vs Packers	Packers	Packers	Falcons	Packers	Packers	Falcons
Eagles vs Cowboys	Cowboys	Cowboys	Cowboys	Cowboys	Cowboys	Eagles
Dolphins vs Vikings	Vikings	Vikings	Dolphins	Vikings	Vikings	Vikings
Raiders vs Chiefs	Chiefs	Raiders	Raiders	Chiefs	Raiders	Chiefs

Football
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two touchdowns on 26 carries. They were also able to showcase one of the premier defenses in the NJCAA, ranking third in yards allowed per game (268.8).

While neither team was able to perform well enough to compete for the NJCAA Championship, their invitations to the Mississippi Bowl help recognize their excellence throughout the season. This will be the only bowl game that pits two top ten teams against each other, excluding the national championship between #1 East Mississippi and #2 Garden City Community College (Missouri).

The game, which will take place on Dec. 2, will be held at A.L. May Memorial Stadium on the campus of Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. Students can purchase tickets for $7, while adults can get theirs for $10. Chair back seats are also available for $20. Tickets can be purchased on www.mississippibowl.com. Anyone wishing to stream the game can tune in on jcjc.tv or Facebook Live via Jones College.

Pajama
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counties.

The Christmas Show will feature an evening of beautiful holiday favorites like the JC Voices group will perform, "Sing We Now of Christmas," under the direction of Dr. Susan Smith. "Silver Bells," and "Let it Snow" will feature the JC Jazz Band under the direction of Dr. Ben Burge and The Bridge will sing, "Christmas Song" along with other Christmas favorites like "Mary Did You Know?"

"Many of our students receive scholarships and this is an opportunity for them to give back to the community while also highlighting their talent in a fun show," said Brown.

Show hosts include, "Jingle and Belle" who are two of Santa's elves, along with JC Voices, JC Jazz Band, The Bridge, Touch of Gold dancers and special guests, "Ken and Barbie," and Santa and Mrs. Claus. For more information, call the Fine Arts Office at 601-477-4203 or follow JCJC Fine Arts on Facebook and Twitter. For more information about the Angel Tree project, go to http://salvationarmyalm.org/angel-tree/

Movie
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a female lead who is theorized to be the character Redd, a tremendously advertised figure in Walt Disney Theme Parks. This may be one of the better decisions when it comes to this reboot. Depp's character in the last film only seemed to be in the way, and if he was completely removed from the film it would not have changed the plot in any significant matter.

In the past year Disney has shown "Pirates of the Caribbean" a lot of attention. They recently redesigned the ride at both Disneyland and Disney World to be more suitable for today. They also gave the third film, "Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End," an entire level in the upcoming 2019 video game "Kingdom Hearts 3." With this reboot in the works, it seems that Disney is attempting to make the franchise a bigger part of their empire, but this plan may just end up backfiring and sinking their ship in the long run.

Fashion
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on them, which is just enough to keep their businesses afloat. Tommy Pittman, sophomore, purchased a pair of Ralph Lauren dress pants that were on sale.

"I just tried them on and they were extremely comfortable. I didn't realize that they were Ralph Lauren until I put them back on the hanger," said Pittman. "I would definitely buy them even if they weren't on sale."

On the other hand, others who have bought fashion brands while they were on sale say that they wouldn't purchase them otherwise. Sophomore Peyton Eaves purchased a pair of Calvin Klein bralettes while they were on sale and was not too pleased.

"The materials weren't very supporting and I definitely wouldn't buy them if they weren't on sale," said Eaves.

With that being said, if these products were more affordable, people would be more likely to buy them. Many luxury fashion brands seem to only be worth their value because of the things that we associate with them rather than the quality of the products. High-end fashions are composed of expensive materials and unique designs, but consumers do not seem to care about these brands until they have the money to purchase them.

Luxury fashion might benefit if designers change some of their prices, maybe even make a new line of clothing that is more affordable to the general public. Since these expensive name brands seem to only favor those with wealth, a change might be necessary or else they will simply be just a phase for many.

Game
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of the game. There is a conventional side to the multiplayer, including the specialists introduced in "Black Ops 3." These playable characters with unique weapons and abilities are progressively unlocked as the player progresses through the multiplayer mode, and the cast of these specialized soldiers has seen a number of additions in "Black Ops 4."

The main point of Black Ops 4 is arguably the new "Blackout" mode. This game mode pits players against 99 other players, meaning 100 players are included in every match. Without the ability to respawn and having to scavenge for a number of newly-implemented supplies and weapons through the largest map created in the history of "Call of Duty," players' skills will be put to the test in order to be among the last team left standing. Also, if the player wishes to fight off against the staggering number of other players in a free-for-all style, there is a solo mode available. Players will also be able to select the character they play during Blackout from characters both in this game and from previous entries in the series.

"Black Ops 4" serves as an interesting addition to the sprawling "Call of Duty" series. Its lack of a single-player campaign, as well as the potential for a 1v100 free-for-all make the game stand out from the rest, with the potential development of similar games later on resting on either its success or failure.

Viewpoint
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According to NRA Explore, the Mississippi State Constitutional Provision, Article 3 Section 12 says "The right of every citizen to keep and bear arms in defense of his home, person, or property, or in aid of the civil power when thereto legally summoned, shall not be called in question, but the legislature may regulate or forbid carrying concealed weapons."

Everyone wants to feel protected in their homes and in public. There is no reason to deny a person the sense of safety that they yearn for. If keeping a firearm on one's person is the security that someone needs, then they are entitled to that permittance. However, there is no excuse for those who have no business possessing a firearm. States with minimal requirements and nearly guaranteed permittance need to reevaluate the laws set in place.

Law-abiding citizens who yearn for the ability to carry a handgun on their person will comply with every necessary provision put into place, so there is no reason to keep the provisions minimal. Once the rules are weak, the citizens who are not very law-abiding just earn an easy way of obtaining a weapon. If someone has gone through the process of obtaining a permit to carry, there is no reason that they should not do so.

Hosey
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Students considering transferring not only to USM, but other schools should reach out to the schools and inquire about their majors to make sure they still exist, suggested Hosey.

"He didn't give me a reason for the suspension, he only said it was part of USM's reorganization," she said.

"I would advise anyone going into International Studies to not give up on it, you should try your best to find something similar," Hosey said.

USM is currently considering making International Studies an emphasis in the History BA program.

According to study.com, when transferring from a two-year college to a university, it's important to research the university and to speak to an admissions advisor from the university well in advance of transferring. It's also important to meet and network with the university professors in the department in which one wishes to major, so that one can communicate regularly before and while attending the university.

Safety
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limit changes in different towns and cities. Knowing the speed limit and not going over it will lower the risk of getting into a wreck or getting a ticket.

Driving through snow and rain is difficult enough, but noticing road signs in those weather conditions is harder. Watch for animal crossing signs as the driving continues. Keeping an eye out for deer or any other animal is crucial with the bipolar weather. If it's snowing or raining, drive slow and carefully, and make sure the passengers are safe. However, if traveling through an animal crossing zone, turn on the high beams and an animal may be spotted up ahead. According to AAA, from 2001 to 2011, animal collisions were the cause of more than 2,080 fatal crashes nationwide.

This year, take advantage of knowing the driving safety tips for the holidays. Making sure to stay safe and alert on the road during the holidays will help arrive to the destination on time and in one piece.

Breaks
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retaught what they learned before leaving school for a week or two. Over summer break, students aren't using what they learned the prior school year, so much of what was taught is forgotten until the next school year.

So what's the solution to making information stick? Public School Review shows some schools attend school all year round with only short breaks dispersed throughout the year, such as the 45-15 schedule where students attend school for 45 days then are out for three weeks. But how does attending school all 12 months affect mental health? Maybe the small breaks are helpful, but it still seems that students who attend these schools would experience more stress with the extra two and a half months.

While many would believe year-round attendance would be beneficial to students' education, some studies show that students who attend year-round schooling exhibit lower than average academic performance than those with traditional attendance. Other studies support the year-round notion because it eliminates the need for evaluating what students remember over the long summer break. In addition, mental health is negatively affected with year-round schooling. When mental health is compromised, students have a much harder time learning. Overall, breaks seem to be more beneficial than harmful.

Candidate
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Hyde-Smith's comment only reinforced the stereotype that Mississippians are racist.

The comments made by Cindy Hyde-Smith were an embarrassment to the state of Mississippi. In 2018, no comment like that should be made ever. If she didn't mean it the way so many people have taken it, as some have said in her defense, she has had ample opportunity to say so. The only way to show how reprehensible these comments are is to vote. Mississippi should not be represented by someone whose views are stuck in the 1960s.

Carry
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shootouts, especially in places where disputes frequently occur—in bars, at sporting events or in traffic." An incident occurred in 2014 where a man with a concealed carry permit shot another man in a movie theatre in a simple dispute.

The safety of the public should be left to those that are professionally trained rather than the citizens. Those with concealed carry permits may take it upon themselves to use a firearm in a situation that should involve emergency responders. In several states, like Georgia, Maryland, Alaska, Arizona, Wyoming and Vermont, little to no training is needed to receive a concealed carry permit.

Police Chief Mark Shauf said, "As police officers, we're required to have training before we get our weapons and a certain number of training hours throughout the year. If we have to be trained, it would only make sense that a person in the public would want to be trained, as well."

Concealed carry permits allow people to carry firearms in public without others knowing. These hidden weapons can quickly cause danger to others if someone wishes to use them. These permits should not be allowed for the safety of the public. It is the job of the military and police to carry weapons to protect citizens, not the job of the citizens themselves.

Research published a paper in 2012 stating that, "States that passed 'shall-issue' laws between 1988 and 2010 had a 2 percent or more increase in the murder rate and at least 9 percent increases in rates of rape, aggravated assault, robbery, auto theft, burglary and larceny." Instead of these statistics showing a positive effect of concealed carry laws, they show the opposite.

Carrying concealed weapons can allow people in verbal altercations to escalate those to lethal ones. The Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence said, "members of the public who carry guns risk escalating everyday disagreements into public shootouts, especially in places where disputes frequently occur—in bars, at sporting events or in traffic." An incident occurred in 2014 where a man with a concealed carry permit shot another man in a movie theatre in a simple dispute.

The safety of the public should be left to those that are professionally trained rather than the citizens. Those with concealed carry permits may take it upon themselves to use a firearm in a situation that should involve emergency responders. In several states, like Georgia, Maryland, Alaska, Arizona, Wyoming and Vermont, little to no training is needed to receive a concealed carry permit.

Police Chief Mark Shauf said, "As police officers, we're required to have training before we get our weapons and a certain number of training hours throughout the year. If we have to be trained, it would only make sense that a person in the public would want to be trained, as well."

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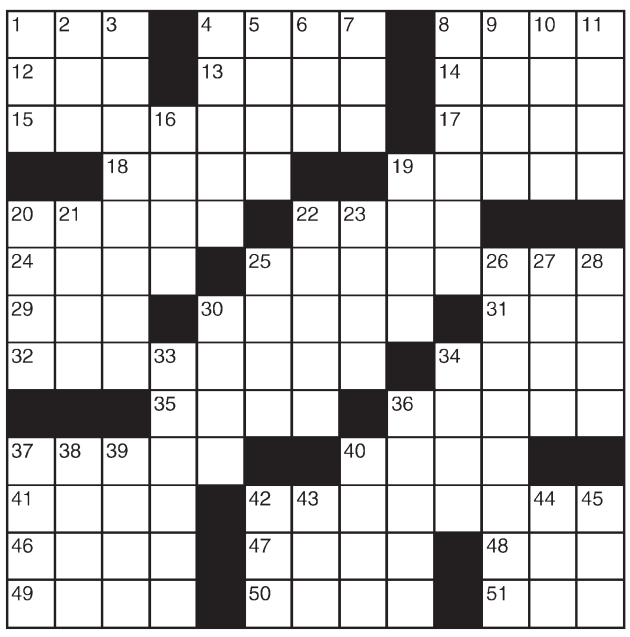

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1 Handle roughly
4 Dog bane
8 Back talk
12 Past
13 Peruse
14 Clarinet's cousin
15 Mansion staff
17 Smolder
18 Catches some rays
19 Playful water critter
20 Moral standard
22 Own
24 Destroy
25 Peace
29 Inseparable
30 Permanent inmate
31 "Golly!"
32 Snakes
34 Chew away (at)
35 Gross
36 Dentist's suggestion
37 Coarse
40 Funeral stand
41 Sea flier
42 Pepper or York
46 Kill a bill
47 Hexagonal state
48 Fresh
49 Anytime now
50 Huff and puff
51 As well

DOWN
1 — de deux
2 Census statistic
3 More deserving
4 Swiss money
5 Periscope part
6 Dine on
7 Billboards
8 Cushion
9 Touch
10 A few
11 Palm reader, maybe
16 Futile
19 Finished
20 Love god
21 Melody
22 Substantial
23 War god
25 Go under
26 Unknowing
27 Earl Grey and kin
28 Some evergreens
30 Poland's Mr. Walesa
33 Urban bird
34 Merriment
36 Battle
37 Guns the engine
38 Black-and-white snack
39 "Do — others ..."
40 Cereal choice
42 Dine
43 Greek vowel
44 Keanu, in "The Matrix"
45 Pair

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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Trivia Test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GEOGRAPHY: Which of the Great Lakes reaches the farthest north and west?
2. LITERATURE: Which English poet wrote and illustrated "Songs of Innocence and of Experience"?
3. MOVIES: Who played the female lead in the 1942 film "Casablanca"?
4. OLYMPICS: In which sport would you perform the "Fosbury Flop"?
5. BUSINESS: Where was entrepreneur/inventor Elon Musk born and raised?
6. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What does a phlebotomist do for a living?
7. SCIENCE: What law is represented by the equation F=ma?
8. TELEVISION: Who starred in the TV series "Quantum Leap"?
9. HISTORY: In which war did the Battle of Verdun take place?
10. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is the name of an otter's home?

Answers
1. Lake Superior
2. William Blake
3. Ingrid Bergman
4. The high jump
5. South Africa
6. Draws blood from the human body
7. Newton's second law of motion
8. Scott Bakula
9. World War I
10. A holt or couch

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GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

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DIFFICULTY: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult ★★★ GO FIGURE!

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MAGIC MAZE ● TOP COFFEE-CONSUMING COUNTRIES

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally

Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Croatia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden

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Strange but True

by Samantha Weaver

- It was beloved American humorist Will Rogers who made the following sage observation: "Everything is funny as long as it's happening to somebody else."

-If you have spent a great deal of time in the Scottish highlands, you might be familiar with the term "sgiomlaireachd." Evidently, the habit of dropping in at mealtimes is common enough there to require a word to describe it.

-The world's most popular fruit is the banana. In the United States, people consume more bananas than apples and oranges put together.

-How would you like to brush your teeth with salt, chalk or ground brick? The first tooth powders used with toothbrushes were made of just such materials.

-Ever wonder why magazine publisher Hugh Hefner chose a rabbit as the symbol of his Playboy magazine? Evidently, when the mogul was a small boy, one of his treasured possessions was a blanket with bunnies all over it.

-Italians drink, on average, 26 gallons of wine every year.

-The English word "vegetable" comes from the Latin word "vegetare," which means "to invigorate."

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Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps

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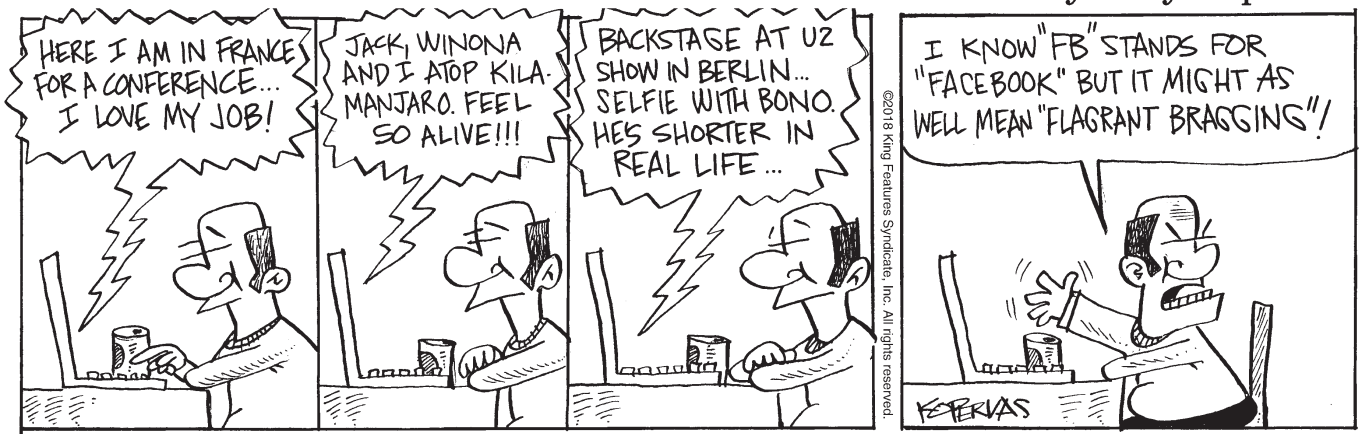
Out on a Limb by Gary Kopervas



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Go Figure! answers

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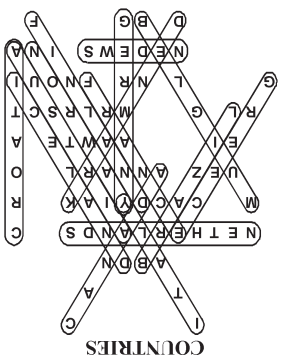

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King Crossword Answers

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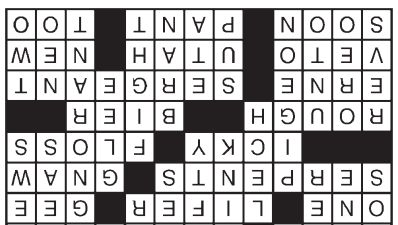


Society more aware of violence due to advances in technology

ALYSSA PEARCE
NEWS EDITOR

In recent years, it has become the norm to read about domestic terror attacks, intolerance-fueled violence and crimes of discrimination. It is overwhelming to experience these cruelties as often as everyone does, but it could be that the violence has always been there and today's modernity simply offers the ability to capture and spread word of it.

Today, a great deal of problem and reform is dealt with online and garners more attention because of it. Movements like the #MeToo Movement have taken to social media platforms to protest acts of sexual harassment, specifically in Hollywood. Stacy Ruth, psychology instructor at Jones College, said she believes there has been a spike in violence in recent years not only because people are using more deadly force, but also because news and social media make events known.

"I think the video world has brought forth more events than anything. Violence has always been around. We now look for it, research it, post it and forward it. People are also more willing to challenge boundaries with extensive force," said Ruth.

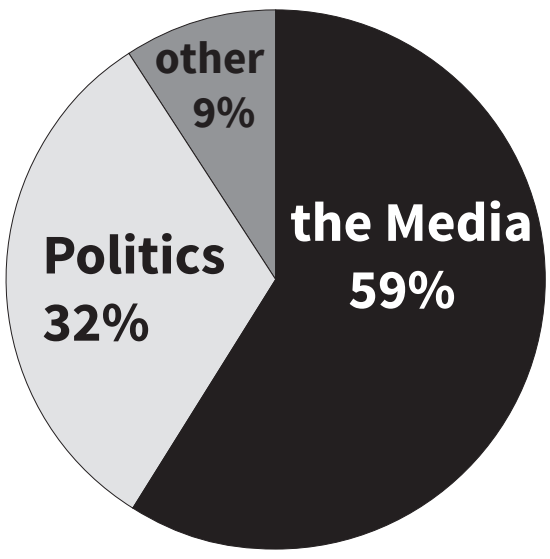
There have also been instances on college campuses in which acts of physical violence have created an uneasy atmosphere for the students there. In early November, there were reports of white supremacy-tied flyers and graffitied racial slurs littered across North Carolina State University and campuses in Canada, according to The Chronicle and WRAL.com. As for Ruth, she said that she has not personally witnessed any of these acts on nearby campuses, but has seen videos of fighting taking place.

Acknowledging that there is a problem does not combat the problem if there is no thought of what comes after, she explained.

"The school can promote and enforce and demand acceptance but it cannot change the hearts of its people until the people find a willingness to change or adapt. People must have a reason to change," said Ruth.

While there is no absolute path to the repeal of intolerance, it is definite that change begins with every person. While many may choose to ignore it and hope that it goes away, others decide to confront all forms of the issue. In any instance, the latest news of violence and attempts to end it will sweep quickly through the nation until there is a change everywhere.

If you believe there's been a spike in intolerance in the nation, what do you think is the cause?



Results from a JCJC student survey

TV show host fired due to racially insensitive remarks

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In the current climate of America, appropriating certain elements should be considered when exchanging views on racial and cultural sensitivity. The decision to wear some controversial costumes usually incites debate among society.

News anchor and Today Show host, Megyn Kelly was recently fired because of her controversial commentary on black-face for Halloween. Kelly expressed that she felt painting one's face black or white to imitate a popular character or favorite celebrity is in fact, 'OK'.

Kelly's opinion led to her dismissal from the NBC network show. She has since issued an apology on her decision to defend black-face and white-face.

A 2014 article published by Vox explained why black-face was offensive. The author said, "Blackface is much more than just dark makeup used to enhance a costume.

In relation to history, blackface was used as a means of entertainment in the 19th century. Minstrel shows performed by white actors with their faces painted was an effort to impersonate and mock colored people. This behavior showed people of color were inferior to whites Americans.

Jones College sophomore, Maggie Smith said, "Megyn Kelly's comment is ill-timed and wrong. Using black-face to enhance a costume is not how we want to depict any character or person."

Dressing in "Indian" costumes and enhancing the look by adding red-face is also insulting to Native Americans. The impersonation of American Indians is often wrong. There are several groups of natives and not all are dressed in leather clothing and carrying tomahawks.

Racial slurs and dehumanizing make-up are examples of an intolerant society. These racial acts are not justified by simply a fun holiday. Ignoring these cultural sensitivities for one's amusement is unacceptable and unappreciated.

Jones students share anonymous comments on intolerance survey

The following are questions asked on the survey shared in Jones English classes in November. Also included are some of the anonymous replies from students.

In Middleton, Ohio, elementary school teachers dressed up for Halloween. A group of them dressed as Mexican immigrants and some as the border wall, with the wall reading Make America Great Again. How do you feel about this?

● If you need to think through your costume and repeatedly ask "Is this ok or appropriate?" then maybe you shouldn't do this.

● All of them should be fired and their license should be revoked. America really needs to do better. Those are children. What if the shoe was on the other foot consequences would have been reaped. They probably damaged those children. They did not deserve that. Bad thing about it is America allows people to think that racism is ok.

● This is horrible!! Immigrants live very hard lives just trying to provide a good life for their families. It is DISGUSTING to mock their struggles.

● While personally I do not find this , a public elementary school is no place for political discourse.

● The costumes were clever, and the wall wasn't as bad as people convey it to be, but the immigrant costumes went too far.

● It's not about being sensitive. The world needs to be understanding and more considerate of others. Treat others how you want to be treated.

● Most immigrants are not coming to destroy us but are coming for a better life. Both viewpoints must be respected.

● Teachers should not show a political view at school because this is insensitive and racially judging Hispanic students/people.

● I'm not for illegal immigrants coming into the U.S., but people making fun and instigating things does not help.

● This is culture, not a costume. These are people and that is pathetic.

Have you ever displayed intolerance against another person?

● If I have, it is because I felt uneasy due to the person's actions/ words or I was having an off day and how I was responding to everyone could be considered intolerance.

● No, I refuse to hate people. Even if they hurt me.

● Yes, I think intolerance, at least in small amounts, is an inherent quality of humanity.

● Hasn't everybody?

● Yes, I don't particularly fool with white people.

If you said you've displayed intolerance against another person, what do you think is the cause?

● The government's higher agenda. They divide us on purpose.

● Politics have grown increasingly more hostile, and the media ensures that even the smallest fault will be broadcasted and talked about around the world.

● Our loss of morale

● Everyone thinks they are entitled to things when they have won nothing to earn it.... parents are the cause.

If you think people are too sensitive today, can you give an example of something you consider too sensitive?

● I believe they're too sensitive on certain topics, and too insensitive on others.

● The problem is that people don't feel anymore. Those who are 'sensitive" are the strongest souls.

● Many people take jokes too hard and often misinterpret what that person was trying to convey.

● Getting upset with praying in schools, so they take kids out.

● People become offended when you have different views than them and do not believe the way they do but are all about tolerance and freedom of speech.

Anything you'd like to add:

● Seems as if the country is becoming more and more divided.

A first-hand account of intolerance

Even in 2018, students are still dealing with intolerant attitudes. We talked to one student about her experiences.

What does intolerance mean to you?

"To me intolerance is not just being confrontational with someone, but it is expecting everyone around you to be a part of the status quo to the point that you don't expect anyone to be or believe different from you.

Interolance can make someone feel alone and not accepted even if intolerant comments have not been aimed directly at them.

For example when a woman or person of color is expected to laugh at racist or sexist jokes, those stereotypes can harm them even if those stereotypes are not being aimed at them."

Have you personally experienced intolerances?

"As a woman in a predominantly male dominated program, I am constantly hearing comments or jokes about women's capabilities, but are reassured that they are not including me, but this can be insulting because it separates my capabilities and successes from my gender.

I am successful despite being a woman. Not a successful woman."

Why do you think some men believe they are superior to women?

"I think some men just accept certain ideas about women and they don't take my success as evidence to the contrary but an exception to the norm they already believe in."

Do you think there are any solutions?

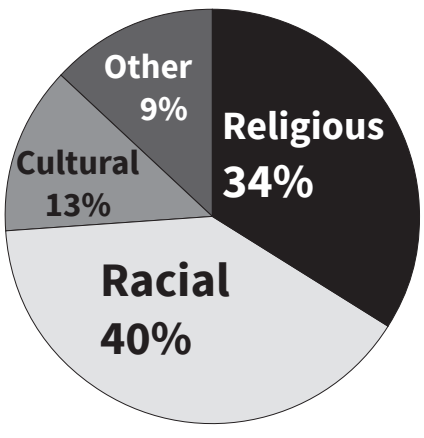
"It's simple, but difficult because groups with those intolerant views need to learn to see those who are different from them as fully capable as they are."

Do you have any closing statements?

"When faced with intolerance I usually realize that it's just the way someone grew up and they don't know any better, but for the sake of my fellow women and people of color I'd really like those with anti-women or racist views to question if they're even true.

If they open their eyes to the diverse world around them they should see that every person is capable and deserving of respect."

Have you ever been the victim of intolerance?



Results from a JCJC student survey

Basketball
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will determine their further success.

Ty Hawkins, JC freshman, said, "This group has a chance to do something very special this upcoming season. We all believe in each other and believe in what we want to do as a unit, and we just can't wait to play and make an immediate impact."

Christmas
from page 4

a warm batch of cookies with a glass of cold milk waiting for Santa Claus. Some families have a tradition of giving to others, whether it is donating food to a local food bank or buying gifts to those who receive little to none.

"My favorite family tradition is having a family gathering," said sophomore Nautiva Smith.

Though December is a stressful month for students because of finals, they should take time to reflect on the reason for the season. Throughout the 12 months of the year students should continue to spread joy and cheer just as they do during the Christmas season.

Music
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wanted to remind everyone that he still is the same artist as when he began.

"Scorpion" is overall a great album to listen to. One music critic would say that Drake's album is "the type of album you would want your great grandchildren to listen to." The fact that an artist still puts out good music and to address rumors of what he was going through made sure that he never wanted to let down his fans. Drake did a fantastic job with his album and his fans will expect more of the pop sensational artist.

Intramural
from page 6

will be December's biggest intramural sport, the Dodgeball tournament. It will start on Dec. 3, in the D.O. Thoms P.E. building. There is no set time right now, but everyone will be informed closer to the date. This tournament will be a six on six double elimination and will be open to men and women with the number of teams decided on closer to the start date.

Healthy
from page 2

Water Wednesday and a Fresh Fruit Friday," said Nail.

Students are encouraged to become more involved on campus, and Next Steps in Health offers entertaining and productive initiatives for students and faculty.

Most Beautiful winners

Photos, top to bottom: the Top Five beauties in the Most Beautiful pageant are, third alternate, Holly James; first alternate, Victoria Strickland; winner Haley Smith; second alternate, Rylee Gavin; and fourth althernate, Grace Freeman. Pictured with Jones College President Dr. Jesse Smith are the Top Ten beauties, left to right, Jada King, Mackenzie Jordan, Ryleigh Meadows, Holly James, Victoria Strickland, Haley Smith, Rylee Gavin, Grace Freeman, Harleigh Howell, and Kamryn McGee. *See related story on page 1.* PHOTOS BY LEANN DUNAGIN

America
from page 1

Last year there were more than 7,000 reports, with 2,013 targeting black Americans.

Students are also aware of the spike of intolerance happening, and the majority say media is to blame.

"Most studies have shown that children are taught discrimination and racism; they are not born thinking that one set of people are better. So as the adults stop influencing them with those ideas, the world should get more tolerant," said psychology teacher Stephanie Green.

Will intolerance continue to grow at a steady pace? Will America become accustomed to seeing hate crimes played out in everyday life? It is unsure, but people are aware of the events happening, and some even have ideas of what steps should be taken to make America a safe place again.

Cast of 'Santa's Swingin' Pajama Party'

Guest Stars in order of appearance
- Jingle - Landon Williams of Waynesboro
- Belle - Coco Caldwell of Laurel
- Barbie - Sydney Brady of Madison
- Ken – Jared Woullard of Leakesville
- Mrs. Claus - Shaylee Thames of Petal
- Santa

Members of JC Jazz
- Dr. Ben Burge, Director
- Joshua Anderson, Sandhill
- John Harrison, Laurel
- Kenton Henderson, Richton
- Kendall Herrington, Enterprise
- Sydney Herrington, Enterprise
- Ryan Nowell, Ellisville
- Hunter Gammil, Petal
- Logan Donald, Ellisville
- Michael Brown, Laurel
- Bethany Miller, Ellisville
- Linda Echenique, Laurel
- Cole Johnson, Laurel
- Clay Whitt, Vancleave
- John Ivey, Petal
- Zack Gregore, Petal
- Matthew Dodd, Petal
- Matthew Haight, Mobile, AL
- Tristan Garrett, Laurel
- Courtland Goff, Ellisville

Members of JC Voices
- Dr. Susan A. Smith, Conductor
- Ms. Jennifer Bruton, Assistant Director
- Dr. David Goldblatt, Accompanist
- Kenneth Anderson, Sand Hill
- Kalyn Bales, Stringer
- Ella Barker, Hattiesburg
- James Bilbo, Hattiesburg
- Faith Bufkin, Ellisville
- Jorge Castillo, Ellisville
- Kassidy Chandler, Laurel
- Mary Coats, Taylorsville
- Hayden Dillistone, Laurel
- Reagan Dukes, Laurel
- Nathaniel Gamblin, Waynesboro
- Shedrick George, Laurel
- Matthew Haight, Mobile, AL
- Victor Harris, Laurel
- Dakota Malone, Raleigh
- Addison Nelms, Brandon
- Lamar Saddler, Quitman
- Jordan Sistrunk, Mize
- Kendra Stevison, Lucedale
- Alyssa White, Laurel
- Davonzell Moncrief, Montrose
- DeMoynedre Morgan, Houston
- Eli McMellon, Moselle
- Stuyuncey Nobles, Laurel
- Caleb Pearce, Ellisville
- Shellie Roberts, Ellisville

Members of The Bridge
- Dr. Susan A. Smith, Conductor
- Mr. Gregory Wascoe, Assistant Director
- Dr. David Goldblatt, Accompanist
- James Bilbo, Ellisville
- Jorge Castillo, Moselle
- Kassidy Chandler, Laurel
- Reagan Dukes, Laurel
- Shedrick George, Laurel
- Addison Nelms, Brandon
- Davonzell Moncrief, Montrose
- Caleb Pearce, Ellisville
- Kendra Stevison, Lucedale

Touch of Gold Dancers
- Anna Catherine Hampton, Petal High School
- Sydney Jolly, Petal High School
- Ryleigh Meadows, Petal High School
- Lauryn Wheat, Petal High School
- Sydney Beech, Laurel Christian High School
- Rylee Gavin, South Jones High School
- Lauren Hankins, Northeast Jones High School
- Mary Hanna, South Jones High School
- Holly James, South Jones High School
- Taylor Martin, South Jones High School
- Timber Prince, South Jones High School
- Victoria Strickland, South Jones
- Ashley Sumrall, West Jones High School
- Courtney Thigpen, Laurel High School
- Faith Lewis, Lawrence County
- Julia Fairley, Richton High School
- Victoria Carter, Brandon High School
- Audrey Johnson, Warren Central High School
- Lakeryia Lacey, Wayne County High School